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| <b>AMENDMENT UNDER<br/>37 C.F.R. §1.111</b><br><br>Address to:<br>Commissioner for Patents<br>P.O. Box 1450<br>Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 | Attorney Docket      | GUID-003DIV2   |
|  | Confirmation No.     | 2546   |
|  | First Named Inventor | Charles S. Taylor  |
|  | Application Number   | 09/440,106   |
|  | Filing Date          | 11/15/1999   |
|  | Group Art Unit       | 3736   |
|  | Examiner Name        | Nasser, Robert L.  |
|  | Title                | Surgical Devices for Imposing a<br>Negative Pressure to Stabilize Cardiac<br>Tissue During Surgery |

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated May 30, 2003 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before August 30, 2003. A request for a three month extension of time is also submitted herewith making thereby extending the response date to December 1, 2003 (November 30, 2003 being a Sunday). In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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